GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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AMENDMENT IN INSECTICIDE ACT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have incorporated some amendments in the Insecticide Act, 1968 and Insecticide Rule, 1971 by notification recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the time by which the amendments are likely to be made and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has been requesting for long to incorporate these amendments in the Insecticide Act and Insecticide Rule; and

(e) if so, the reasons for delay?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (e): On the basis of the suggestions received from various quarters, including State Government of Andhra Pradesh, the Insecticides (Amendment) Act, 2000 has been notified on 5.8.2000 with a view to providing for stringent penalties for violation of the provisions of the Act, speedier trials of court cases and also to make certain provisions of the Act more effective. The amendment also empowers the Government to ban technical grades of hazardous insecticides.

The Insecticides Rules, 1971 were also amended vide Notifications G.S.R. Nos371(E) and 372(E) both dated 20.5.1999 with a view to streamlining certain procedural aspects and making provisions of the rules more effective. Notification 371(E) sought to revise and rationalize fees for the various purposes. Commercial Pest Control Operationand Pest Control Operators have been defined.The ISI certification has been made compulsory vide Notification 372(E) for all the insecticides with a view to providing quality pesticides to the farmers. However, both these notification have been challenged in various High Courts and the matter is subjudice.